

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 are pending in the present Application. Claim 8 has been canceled, and new claims 12 and 13 have been added by this Amendment. The Examiner has rejected claims 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the recitations of claims 8 (now incorporated into claim 11) and 11 in a manner believed to overcome the rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of JP 11-265560 to Miyazaki

("Miyazaki")

The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Miyazaki, which was cited in the April 13, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

As stated above, the Examiner has indicated that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter. Since Applicant has incorporated claim 8 into claim 11, Applicant submits that the rejection of claim 11 is now moot.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art
shown in Figs. 17-19 ("AAPA")**

The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Figs. 17-19 of the AAPA.

As stated above, the Examiner has indicated that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter. Since Applicant has incorporated claim 8 into claim 11, Applicant submits that the rejection of claim 11 is now moot.

Newly Added Claims

Applicant has added claims 12 and 13 to provide more varied protection for the present invention. Applicant submits that claim 12 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency, and claim 13 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 8.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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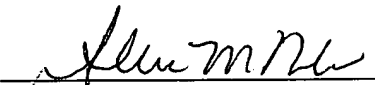
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